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SB 1332: emancipated minors; orders; employment rights

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Overview

Modifies the guidelines for the emancipation of a minor.

History

A minor may file a petition for an emancipation order provided the minor is: 1) at least 16 years of age; 2) a resident of Arizona; 3) financially self-sufficient; 4) understanding of the rights and obligations of an emancipated minor; 5) understanding of the risks and consequences of emancipation; 6) not a ward of the court; and 7) not in the custody of a state agency ([A.R.S. § 12-2451](#)).

An emancipated minor is treated as an adult for the following purposes:

- 1) Entering a binding contract;
- 2) Suing and getting sued;
- 3) Buying and selling real property;
- 4) Establishing a legal residence;
- 5) Being obligated to pay child support;
- 6) Incurring debts and applying for loans;
- 7) Accessing medical treatment and records;
- 8) Consenting to medical care for the emancipated minor and the emancipated minor's child;
- 9) Being eligible for social services;
- 10) Obtaining licenses to operate equipment or perform services; and
- 11) Enrolling in school or college ([A.R.S. § 12-2454](#)).

Provisions

1. Permits a minor who is a ward of the court or in the control of a state agency to file a petition for an emancipation order. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires a petition for an emancipation order to include whether the minor has an offer of employment. (Sec. 1)
3. Clarifies the court must consider the opinions and recommendations of the minor's *legal* guardian as a factor in determining emancipation. (Sec. 2)
4. Mandates the court to consider whether the minor has an offer of employment as a factor in determining emancipation. (Sec. 2)
5. Allows an emancipated minor to pursue any opportunity provided by law to an individual who is at least 18 years of age. (Sec. 3)

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6. Exempts an emancipated minor from specified restrictions regarding the employment of individuals under the ages of 16 and 18. (Sec. 4)
7. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1, 4)